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1, EMBASSY UNABLE TO GET TO FONMINISTER BEFORE END OF WEEK. ADCM APRIL 13 CARRIED OUT REF INSTRUCTIONS WITH SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR LOS, DIRECTOR SPECIAL AFFAIRS JORGE BERGUNO. BERGUNO WILL CARRY THE BALL FOR GOC AND LOS. OFFICIAL WAS WELL PREPARED ON SPEECH THROUGH REPORTING FROM CHILEAN MISSION. SAID GOC THOUGHT HIGHLY OF SPEECH, WHICH CAME AT RIGHT MOMENT TO GET CONFERENCE MOVING AGAIN; TIMING WAS PERFECT. GOC WAS PLEASED WITH US PROPOSALS ON DEEP SEABED REGIME AND THOUGHT BASIS NOW EXISTED FOR GENERAL AGREEMENT. BERGUNO SAID ON KIND OF TREATY THAT EMERGED, IF TREATY WAS WELL DRAFTED IN SPECIFIC LANGUAGE, GOC COULD SUPPORT BINDING DISPUTE ATTORITY. IT WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, WITH A FUZZY, AMBIGUOUSLY WORDED TREATY, SINCE IT COULD BE TOO EASILY INTERPRETED CONTRARY TO NATIONAL INTERESTS.

2, BERGUNO UNDERTOOK TO PASS COPIES OF SPEECH AND TALKING POINTS TO FONMIN CARVAJAL; CHARGE WILL FOLLOW UP AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY. BOYATT

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